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SUMMARY. JCP AND SPANISH CP ISSUED JOINT STATEMENT
EMPHASIZING SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS AND AFFIRMING
INDEPENDENCE OF NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTIES AT END OF LITTLE
NOTICED VISIT BY SPANISH CP SEC GEN CARILLO. STEPPED UP
EXCHANGE WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES MAY
PRESAGE FUTURE REFINEMENTS IN JCP LINE TO BROADEN VOTER
APPEAL. END SUMMARY.

1. AT END OF SPANISH CP SEC GEN SANTIAGO CARILLO'S FIVE-
DAY VISIT TO JAPAN, JCP AND SPANISH CP ISSUED JOINT STATE-
MENT MARCH 31 OUTLINING DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS THEY PROMISE
TO UPHOLD AND AFFIRMING INDEPENDENCE OF NATIONAL
COMMUNIST PARTIES. STATEMENT SAYS BOTH PARTIES AIM FOR
SOCIALIST STATE WITH MULTI-PARTY DEMOCRACY, TRANSFER OF
POLITICAL POWER THROUGH ELECTIONS, LABOR'S RIGHT TO
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ORGANIZE AND STRIKE, AND FREEDOMS OF SPEECH, ASSEMBLY, PUBLICATION AND RELIGION. STATEMENT STRONGLY ATTACKED IMPOSITION OF OFFICIAL STATE IDEOLOGIES, TOOK SWIPE AT "NEGATIVE PHENOMENA IN EXISTING SOCIALIST COUNTRIES"-- PRESUMABLY MEANING OPPRESSION OF DISSIDENTS--AND REJECTED EXISTING SOCIALIST STATES AS INAPPROPRIATE MODELS FOR ADVANCED CAPITALIST SOCIETIES LIKE JAPAN AND SPAIN. NEITHER SOVIET UNION NOR PRC WERE MENTIONED BY NAME. "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" WAS ATTACKED ON SEVERAL GROUNDS. PARTIES CALLED FOR REMOVAL OF ALL FOREIGN MILITARY BASES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND DISSOLUTION OF MILITARY BLOCs.

2. REPORTEDLY, IN PRESS CONFERENCE, CARILLO PREDICTED HIS PARTY WOULD SOON BE LEGALIZED, FORECAST PRESENT GOS WOULD BE REPLACED BY PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF "ALL DEMOCRATIC GROUPS," AND OPPOSED "ANYKIND OF DICTATORSHIP" FOR SPAIN. CARILLO SAID SPANISH PEOPLE WOULD HAVE CHANCE TO DECIDE FATE OF CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY DURING PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT PERIOD. SPANISH CP. WHILE SUPPORTING FULLER EMPLOYMENT MEASURES AND INCREASED AID TO UNEMPLOYED, BELIEVES WAGE INCREASES SHOULD BE MODERATE AND IN LINE WITH PRODUCTIVITY BOOSTS. FINALLY, CARILLO CRITICIZED PRC FOR ITS DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH PRESENT GOS AND STATED HIS DISAGREEMENT WITH PRC STAND ON ANGOLA.

3. DURING EMBOFFS CALL ON SECOND WEST EUROPEAN DIV DEPDIR AKIO IJUIN, HE NOTED THAT WHEN GOJ CHECKED WITH GOS BEFORE ISSUING VISA TO CARILLO (REFTEL), SPANISH GOVERNMENT SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST AND RAISED NO OBJECTION. FONOFF WAS GENERALLY SATISFIED THAT CARILLO HAD LIVED UP TO GOJ REQUEST THAT HE REFRAIN FROM ACTIVITIES INIMICAL TO JAPANESE-SPANISH RELATIONS. IJUIN SAID JCP HAD PROBABLY GAINED PROPAGANDA POINTS, ESPECIALLY WITH ITS FOLLOWERS, BY DISPLAYING CARILLO AND EMPHASIZING DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS, BUT HE WONDERED WHAT THERE WAS IN VISIT FOR SPANISH CP. OVERALL, IJUIN SAID, FONOFF ASSESSMENT IS THAT SPANISH CP IS WEAK, AND HE ADDED THAT HIGHER LEVEL OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RELATIVELY SATISFIED MILITARY ELITE MAKES SPAIN A VERY DIFFERENT SOCIETY FROM PORTUGAL, THEREFORE, A SHARP SWING TO LEFT IS RATHER UNLIKELY IN SPAIN.

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4. COMMENT. JAPANESE PRESS GAVE LOW PRIORITY TO CARILLO VISIT WITH ONLY BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS ARRIVAL AND PAGE TWO TREATMENT OF JOINT STATEMENT AND PRESS CONFERENCE DAY AFTER HE DEPARTED. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO COMPARE TREATMENT GIVEN FRENCH CP'S GEORGE MARCHAIS WHO IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE APRIL 4. JCP DAILY AKAHATA

(REF FLAG) GAVE TOP COVERAGE TO ALL ASPECTS OF VISIT.
TRANSLATION OF JOINT STATEMENT WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPT
AND MADRID.

5. GREATER JCP CONTACT WITH AND ATTENTION TO WESTERN
EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES MAY, CUMULATIVELY,
LEAD TO FURTHER REFINEMENT OF JCP LINE IN ATTEMPT TO
BROADEN VOTER APPEAL. FOR INSTANCE, JCP SEEMS TO HAVE
FOLLOWED ITALIAN CP EXAMPLE IN MORE ACTIVELY ADVERTISING
ITS POSITION ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION. THOUGH JCP MADE A
SLIGHT SEMANTIC CHANGE AT ITS LAST PARTY CONGRESS, PARTY
IS STILL BASICALLY COMMITTEE TO "DICTATORSHIP OF PRO-
LETARIAT" CONCEPT. ON BASIS OF JCP SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT
THAT JCP AND SPANISH CP ARE IN TOTAL AGREEMENT ON THIS
ISSUE, PRESS HERE SPECULATES JCP WILL EXPUNGE "DICTATORSHIP
OF PROLETARIAT" TERMINOLOGY FROM ITS DOGMA AT FALL 1976
PARTY CONGRESS.
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